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Ref: 2976-22054

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Post Office Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application  
Duval Sand, Reservoir D  
LAPEYROUSE FIELD  
Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana  
Applicant: Castex Energy, Inc.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Castex Energy, Inc.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Duval Sand, Reservoir D, in the Lapeyrouse Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 107 acres for the Duval Sand, Reservoir D, Lapeyrouse Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, designated as the Duval RD SUA, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said sand units;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Duval Sand in the Lapeyrouse Field was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 416-A-5, effective May 1, 1962.

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In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated June 24, 2004 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 19, 2004. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer were received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. No requests to confer were received either in writing or by telephone and, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

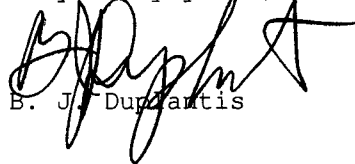
Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the Duval RD SUA, Lapeyrouse Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners and represented parties who are being furnished with copies of this hearing application. This list includes the names and addresses of all interested parties who are known to the applicant after a reasonable search. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Art Christy of W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, La 70508 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson  
District Manager  
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners,  
Represented Parties and  
Interested Parties

